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Letter dated 11 July 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letters dated 11 May and 7 June 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Israeli regime to the United Nations (S/2018/450 and S/2018/548) regarding some baseless allegations against the Islamic Republic of Iran, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

The Israeli baseless allegations are in tandem with their hostile policy and projection against many States and nations in the region. The regime's policy and practice in the past seven decades has been founded upon occupation, aggression, terror, threat, use of force against countries in the region and shameless violation of dozens of United Nations and Security Council resolutions. Their military and political leaders blatantly and deliberately continue to threaten to use force against the countries in the region. The claims and allegations in the above-mentioned letters are also meant to justify their brutal suppression of Palestinians' peaceful demonstrations and recent disproportionate use of force against civilians in Gaza, repeated violation of neighbouring countries' airspace and territorial waters, as well as military attacks into sovereign States for the benefit of terrorist groups and terrorist activities in the region. The Israeli dangerous behaviour and illegal actions against international law have been well documented with the Security Council, inter alia, through many letters that were sent by permanent representatives of countries in the region. Those letters, only since January 2018, include S/2018/142, S/2018/445, S/2018/459, S/2018/109, S/2018/204, S/2018/320, S/2018/336, S/2018/342, S/2018/358, S/2018/517, S/2018/27, S/2018/88, S/2018/100, S/2018/141, S/2018/317, S/2018/447, S/2018/18, S/2018/28, S/2018/113, S/2018/180, S/2018/195, S/2018/282, S/2018/296, S/2018/329, S/2018/365, S/2018/377, S/2018/400, S/2018/426, S/2018/452, S/2018/485, S/2018/510, and S/2018/458.

The Israeli regime continues its aggressive behaviour with total impunity extended to it by the United States, a permanent member of the Security Council. The United States' persistent political, military, financial and logistical support for that regime, even in contradiction to the Security Council resolutions remains constant and prolongs the occupation, which is the main source of conflict in the region. The Security Council needs to live up to its responsibilities with regard to the maintenance of international peace and security. There should be no doubt that the Security Council's failures in this regard, due to the opposition by a permanent member, would not impair the inherent right of individual and collective self-defence in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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